

REMARKS

This amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

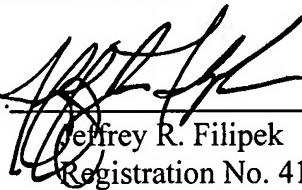
Claims 9-18 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance issued March 24, 2006. It is submitted that claims 9-18 as amended herein should remain allowable, and that new dependent claims 19-21 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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